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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager  
**From:** Marie Stake, Communications Program Manager  
**Date:** March 29, 2011  
**Subject:** April as Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" Proclamation.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Gayle Zawaideh, advisory board member of the Children's Response Center, will be present at the April 5<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting to receive the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation. The Children's Response Center provides services for children who have been sexually assaulted or are victims of other trauma via legal and medical advocacy, as well as counseling. The Center raises community awareness about the issue of child abuse and provides training on issues such as child maltreatment and prevention of abuse. The City of Kirkland funds the Children's Response Center at \$33,544 for 2011-2012.

The City Council has supported the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation since 2002.

Contact information for Children's Response Center:

**Children's Response Center**  
**Harborview**  
[www.childrensresponsecenter.org](http://www.childrensresponsecenter.org)

Sexual Assault  
Services

Provides crisis intervention and counseling services to children and their families.



## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

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### Proclaiming April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Kirkland, Washington

**WHEREAS**, every child deserves to be cared for in a safe and nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident and successful adults;  
and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure every family has the  
support they need and deserve to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

**WHEREAS**, no one person can do everything, but everyone can do something, and  
together we can create change for the better; and

**WHEREAS**, Children’s Response Center serves the Kirkland community by providing  
support to children and families who have been impacted by abuse, and promotes  
awareness on issues concerning child abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kirkland Police Department’s Family Violence Unit and the Parks and  
Community Services Department’s Human Services Program support the Children’s  
Response Center; and

**WHEREAS**, dialing the Washington State Department of Social & Health Services’ toll free  
number 1-866-END HARM to report suspected child abuse or neglect helps protect the  
vulnerable; and

**WHEREAS**, displaying a pinwheel or blue ribbon in April will serve as a positive reminder  
that together we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of the City of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim  
April as *Child Abuse Prevention Month* in the City of Kirkland, and I urge all citizens to  
seek help if they need it, to report child abuse, and to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011

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Joan McBride, Mayor